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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Control No. 496186
EIC-M-90
15 February 1961

Minutes of Meeting Held in
Room 1121, Temporary M Building
26th Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W.

1000 hours, 15 February 1961

PRESENT:

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Dr. Otto E. Guthe, CIA, Chairman

[REDACTED] CIA, Vice Chairman

Bennett V. S. Davis, Department of the Navy

John W. Easton, Joint Staff

Lt. Col. Francis W. Guzak, Department of the Air Force

Edward R. Van Sant, Office of the Secretary of Defense

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Mrs. Doris S. Whitnack, Department of State

Baxter Wood, Department of the Army

[REDACTED] National Security Agency

Jerome Forrest, International Cooperation Administration

Eugene T. Olson, Department of Agriculture

Wendell W. Woodbury, Department of State

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Executive Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. The minutes of the EIC meeting of 16 December 1960 (EIC-M-89) were approved.

* Present for part of meeting.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

25X1C8a 2. The Chairman reported that the last EIC report, "Vulnerability of the East German Economy to Western Countermeasures" (EIC-R-18), had received many compliments. Notable among these was one from the requestor of the project, Mr. Foy Kohler, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, Department of State. In a letter to [REDACTED] he expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the economic intelligence community in producing a fine report and declared his hope that future developments in the subject would be noted. Copies of this commendation were distributed to the EIC members. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

3. The Chairman noted that Miss Margaret Tobin has been designated alternate Department of the Army representative to the EIC, and that the EIC approved the nomination of Mr. William F. Wellington, Chemical Corps Intelligence Agency, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Chemicals, vice Dr. Nathan Gordon.

4. The Chairman explained that the Secretariat has developed a new format for EIC-S-35, "Survey of Internal and External Economic Research Projects on Selected Non-Bloc Areas, 1 July 1959 through 30 June 1960." The information contained therein will remain the same, but the new Survey will be presented in a form similar to that of the Intelligence Publications Index. It is now in Reproduction and will be disseminated early in March.

REQUIREMENT FOR PERIODIC REPORTS ON BLOC MILITARY AID TO FREE WORLD COUNTRIES:

5. The Chairman mentioned the exchange of correspondence between the Director of Central Intelligence and the Director of Intelligence and Research/State regarding the desire of the US Disarmament Administration for periodic reports on Bloc military aid to Free World countries (See EIC-D-465, 3 February 1961). Dr. Guthe reported on the action taken at the USIB meeting held on 14 February at which the subject of expanding the terms of reference of the EIC Working Group on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas was discussed. The majority of the USIB members felt that the existing

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terms of reference were adequate to carry out the request. As a result of that meeting, the EIC was directed to inform the Working Group to give increased attention to the various aspects of the military aid programs of the Bloc countries within the context of the information desired by the Disarmament Administration.

Action: It was the consensus of the Committee that the requirements need to be clarified before definite guide lines could be given to the Working Group. The Chairman stated that he would confer with Mr. Gullion of the US Disarmament Administration, and that EIC guidance would subsequently be provided to the Working Group.

EIC-R14-S10, "SINO-SOVIET BLOC ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN UNDER-DEVELOPED AREAS, 1 JULY - 31 DECEMBER 1960":

6. The Chairman commended the members of the Working Group for meeting the tight time schedule and at the same time preparing such a good, comprehensive report. Mr. Forrest suggested, and the members agreed, that it should be noted in the Foreword that in this particular report more emphasis has been placed on significant Bloc military aid activity. Review of the report was undertaken by major sections and a number of changes and modifications were suggested and accepted.

Action: After the EIC approved EIC-R14-S10, it authorized the Working Group, the Secretariat, and the editors to incorporate the revisions which had been agreed upon and to make additional editorial changes as required.

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